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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, TW, JA

SUBJECT: CPC/WODECO PLANS TO DRILL FOR OIL 35 MILES NW  
OF SENKAKUS (SITE YHM NO. 1)

REFERENCE: TAIPEI 8163

1. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED WODECO VICE PRESIDENT, JOHN SAGE  
TO DISCUSS CPC'S PLANS IN LIGHT OF REFTEL. SAGE SAID CPC  
HAD NOT GIVEN WODECO A SPECIFIC TIME FOR DRILLING AT YHM  
NO. 1 SITE. WHEN TOLD THAT CPC WAS VAGUE ON PLANS FOR  
YHM NO. 1, SAGE SAID IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT CPC HAS NOT  
FINALIZED PLANS TO DRILL; HOWEVER, WODECO IS CONTRACTUALLY  
COMMITTED TO DRILL IF CPC SO ORDERS. HE AGREED TO INFORM  
US WHEN CPC DIRECTS WODECO TO MOVE RIG TO YHM NO. 1. HE  
SAID THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE ONE TO TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO DRIL-  
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LING. SAGE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CPC DOES NOT NORMALLY

DIVULGE LOCATION OF ITS EXPLORATORY DRILLING ACTIVITIES  
BUT DOES NOT OBJECT TO WODECO POSTING THE NORMAL "NOTICE  
TO MARINERS".

2. SINCE ONE OR TWO WEEKS NOTICE MAY BE INSUFFICIENT FOR  
US TO SECURE GROG ACTION TO STOP CPC DRILLING AT YHM NO. 1,  
EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE GROG AT THE LEVEL IT  
DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO EXPRESS USG CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE CPC

PLANS TO DRILL IN THIS VERY SENSITIVE AREA. IF CPC  
GOES AHEAD AT SITE YHM NO. 1, WE BELIEVE JAPAN WOULD  
FEEL OBLIGED TO REACT WITH SHARP PUBLIC PROTEST,  
POSSIBLY BACKED BY DISPATCHING PATROL CRAFT TO DISPUTED  
AREAS AS THEY DID ON EARLIER OCCASIONS. CONFRONTATION  
BETWEEN THE ROC AND JAPAN COULD PROVOKE A PRC REACTION  
WHICH WOULD COMPOUND DIFFICULTIES FOR ALL CONCERNED. WE  
NOTE THAT JAPAN HAS POINTEDLY AVOIDED DRILLING OR OTHER  
EXPLORATORY ACTIVITIES IN DISPUTED TERRITORIAL WATERS  
SUCH AS THE SENKAKUS. PLEASE REPORT GROG REACTION TO  
YOUR APPROACH AND ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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